Name of the State	1998-99
Tripura	578.80
Uttar Pradesh	30176.52
West Bengal	10639.62
A & N Islands	44.40
D & N Haveli	43.80
Daman & Diu	1.82
Lakshadweep	3.65
Pondicherry	56.57
TOTAL	148400.00

Pending Rural Development Project of North-Eastern Region

908. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rural development projects pertaining to North-Eastern Region and lying pending with Central Government for their approval;

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these are likely to be approved/cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) No Rural Development Projects are lying pending in the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment pertaining to North-Eastern Region. However, under the Integrated Wasteland Development Project Scheme forty Projects were received which have not been sanctioned due to non-receipt of clarifications from the State Governments.

Implementation of 73rd Constitution Amendment Act

909. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States are not implementing the provisions of the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to implement it in a proper way from the grassroot democratic functionary; and

(c) whether Government have a time bound programme to implement the same in all States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The responsibility for implementing the provisions of the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act is that of the State Governments. The Government is however monitoring the implementation of the provisions of the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, especially the mandatory provisions, through review meetings at State Ministerial and Secretary level. The Government has also set up a Task Force to Study the Structure & Functioning of Panchayats. The Government has urged the State Governments of Assam, Karnataka and Pondicherry to comply with the Constitutional provisions regarding conduct of Panchayat elections and has also intimated them that it will not be possible to continue to transfer funds under rural development programmes meant for Panchayats to States where Panchayats are not in position.

Additional grants to Orissa

910. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: the details of additional grants other than the usual, proposed to be released to Orissa Government in the Revised Long Term Action Plan (1998-99 to 2006-07) for K.B.K. in various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): In order to ensure a certain level of funding to K.B.K. districts various steps have been taken in the